

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon. And I am here today to honor and remember our fallen soldiers, American veterans, and our South Vietnamese allies, who fought and died in the name of freedom and democracy. For the past 14 years, I have had the privilege of representing one of the largest Vietnamese communities in the United States. I have listened to their amazing stories and worked with them to advocate for freedom and human rights in Vietnam.

During my 14 years in Congress, I have seen first-hand the passion of the Vietnamese-American community and their unwavering determination not only to succeed as a Vietnamese-American but also bring freedom to the people of Vietnam. My colleagues and I honor all those who fought for democracy and freedom in Vietnam and urge the Vietnamese-American communities to continue their fight against the continued persecution and injustice in Vietnam.